

## Direct School Admission (DSA) Exercise 2023 Community and Youth Leadership

(For Admission to Secondary 1 in 2024)

At St Gabriel's Secondary School, our mission is to shape lives for Service to God and Nation by nurturing each of our student to be a Servant Leader, Lifelong Learner and Gracious Citizen. We provide every Gabrielite with a robust and holistic experience which would equip them with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills at the end of their 4 or 5 years. Our Gabrielites will become a confident person, active contributor, concerned citizen and a self-directed learner.

We welcome students who have made a difference in the area of his strength as they lead through serving.

### Direct School Admission – Secondary (DSA-Sec) Exercise

- The DSA-Sec Exercise was introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2004. It seeks to
  promote holistic education and provide students an opportunity to demonstrate a more
  diverse range of achievements and talents in seeking admission to a secondary school.
  The selection will be based on their achievements and talents before the Primary School
  Leaving Examination (PSLE) results are released.
- Primary 6 students have a choice of whether or not to participate in the DSA-Sec Exercise. If they choose not to participate in the DSA-Sec Exercise, they will continue to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise after the release of the PSLE results. For more information on the DSA-Sec Exercise, refer https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec

#### A. DSA-Sec Admission Criteria

1. Leadership:

Student who has made an impact in his school or CCA by demonstrating leadership through service and contributions.

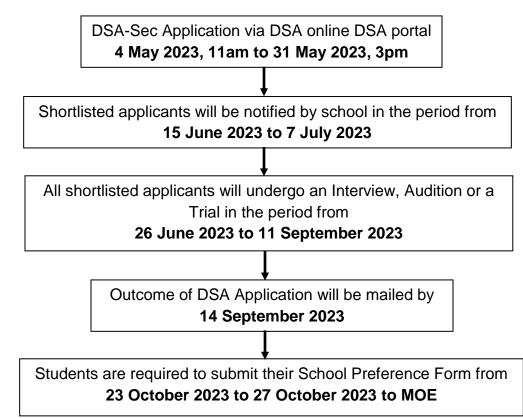
2. Good Conduct: Student must have at least achieved a 'Good' conduct grade. Students with talent can apply for Direct School Admission through one of the following Talent Areas:

<u>Categories</u>	Talent areas	Impact, Service &	Selection Process
Sports	<ul> <li>Badminton</li> <li>Floorball</li> <li>Football</li> <li>Golf</li> <li>Judo</li> <li>Softball</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contributions</li> <li>Has participation in competitions/ performances</li> <li>Preferably has attained some achievements, including zonal, national competitions</li> <li>Demonstration of key skills relevant to the CCA</li> </ul>	Performance Task* / Interview for shortlisted applicants (June-August)
Uniformed Groups	<ul> <li>NCC Air</li> <li>NCC Land</li> <li>NPCC</li> <li>Red Cross Youth</li> <li>Scouts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Leading a positive school culture through service (e.g. prefects, class chairpersons, CCA leaders)</li> <li>Demonstrated exemplary character and leadership</li> </ul>	Interview for shortlisted applicants (July-August)
Aesthetics & Clubs	<ul> <li>Debate Club</li> <li>Concert Band</li> <li>Speech &amp; Drama</li> <li>Guitar Ensemble</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Has participation in competitions/ performances</li> <li>Preferably has attained some achievements, including zonal, national competitions</li> <li>Demonstration of key skills relevant to the CCA</li> </ul>	Audition Task* / Interview for shortlisted applicants. (June-August)

\* All shortlisted applicants will be informed on the details of Performance Tasks and Audition Tasks at least 1 week before actual Trial/interview/Audition date.

#### **B.** Application Procedure

- Application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be open from 4 May 2023, 11am to 31 May 2023, 3pm. For more details, please refer to MOE website <u>www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec</u>.
- 2. Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the student's aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the schools' academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the area of talent.
- 3. All shortlisted applicants <u>will be notified by the school</u> to attend an interview, trial or audition during the period of June to late August. Shortlisted applicants will be notified on the mode of interviews, trials or auditions nearer to date.



#### C. DSA-Sec Application Flowchart

#### D. Important Information To Note

Successful DSA-Sec students are **NOT** allowed to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools; and

Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are expected to honour their commitment to the school and participate in the activities related to the talent they have selected for from year 1-4.

### E. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### 1. Who can apply for DSA?

All Primary 6 students who meet the selection criteria.

#### 2. How do I apply?

Application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. (https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec)

#### 3. Are there any specific selection criteria?

The applicant must be a member of a school's CCA and has made an impact in his CCA or to the school through his service and contributions.

#### 4. When and how will I know the results of my application?

All applicants will be informed of the results of their application by post by **14 September 2023**.

# 5. What are the CCAs offered in St. Gabriel's Secondary that will develop Servant Leaders?

We have a comprehensive Student Leadership Development for all students in SGSS. They will be able to apply the leadership practices they have learned in all their encounters in school, including and especially in their CCAs. We have 5 Uniformed Groups CCAs (NPCC, NCC Air, NCC Land, Red Cross Youth & Scouts), 6 Physical Sports CCAs (Badminton, Floorball, Football, Softball, Judo & Golf) and 4 Visual & Performing Arts and Club CCAs (Concert Band, Speech & Drama, Guitar Ensemble and Debate Club) for students to contribute to and serve in.

# 6. My child is not studying in MOE mainstream primary school. What is the application procedure?

Any applicants not studying in MOE mainstream primary schools should apply for a Registration Number (RGxxxxxx) before they can apply through the DSA-Sec Portal. You may refer to MOE website at: <u>https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application</u> for more information.

All International Students are also required to take part in the Admissions Exercise for International Students (AEIS) before they are considered for DSA-Sec allocation.

International Students must pass AEIS and qualify for the course which the school offers to be considered for DSA-Sec allocation